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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Application No.: 10/679,843	)	Examiner: CHIN-SHUE, Alvin C.
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For: ASCENSION/DESCENSION	)	
APPARATUS AND METHOD	)	

**RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

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Sir:

The following remarks are presented as a complete response to the election of species requirement mailed on December 9, 2005.

Claims 1-20 remain pending in the application, with claims 17-20 having been earlier withdrawn from consideration. Favorable consideration of the application is respectfully requested.

The Office alleges that the application contains claims directed to patentably distinct species of the claimed invention (Figs. 1 and 6), and has required Applicant to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Currently, the Office states that claims 1 and 8-11 are generic.

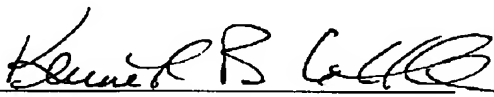
In response, Applicant elects the subject matter illustrated in Fig. 1. In addition to generic claims 1 and 8-11, claims 2-7 and 12-15 are believed to read on the elected subject matter.

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The application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Prompt notice of same is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,  
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